

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## UNITY--GOOD--PLEASANT--PRECIOUS--ABUNDANT BLESSED--LIFE FOREVERMORE

Behold how GOOD and how PLEASANT it is for brethren to dwell together in UNITY! It is like the PRECIOUS ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments; As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the Lord commanded the blessing, even LIFE FOREVERMORE.—Psalms 133.

Endeavoring to keep the UNITY of the Spirit in the bond of peace.—Eph. 4:3. Till we all come in the UNITY of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ.—Eph. 4:13.

### An Unpopular Sermon

W. J. Johnson

Are the religious creeds of today living up to the standards of Bible requirements?

Before we can estimate or determine anything we must first have what might be termed a "unit of measure" which is a standardized rule with which we make our estimate. Should we desire to estimate the distance across a table we would perhaps use the foot rule as our unit of measure. If we should wish to estimate the weight of a grocery article we would most likely use the pound for the unit of measure.

Now before we can properly estimate the authentic doctrine of the creed it will first be necessary for us to apply some standard of measurement.

The unit of measure with which we are to estimate the proper standing of the average creed of today will be the Bible or the Word of God.

To connect the modern worshipper with the Bible I will confine my discussion to the essential factors of the believer and the Church to which the believer belongs.

Now dear reader, in this day and age of the world when thousands of diverse doctrines are compassing sea and land to secure proselytes it behooves you or I or any one else to carefully consider ourselves and the manner of our worship in relation to God's Word.

First we are going to consider ourselves from the standpoint of the believer and second in relation to the Church.

Now referring to the believer as borne out in God's Word I am going to make three particular references to the Bible.

First we will go to St. Mark 16: 15-18, where Jesus made the plain statement as follows: "These signs shall follow them that believe:

(1) In my name shall they cast out devils, (2) They shall speak with new tongues, (3) They shall take up serpents, (4) If they drink any deadly thing it shall not hurt them, (5) They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

Second, we will go to St. John 14:12 where Jesus again refers to the believer by saying, "Verily, verily I say unto you, he that believeth on me the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father."

As explanation I will mention in connection with this passage that if one child jump into the air an elevation of three feet

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### LOVE UNITES

When the Forth Bridge was building, the great arms from either side were completed; slowly and steadily they had been built out, and now at the center of the mighty arch all that was needed was the final riveting. But the day fixed was cold and chilly, and in spite of fires set under the iron to expand it the inch or two required, and union could not be completed, and the day's programme was a failure. But next morning the sun rose bright, the day was warm and genial; the iron then expanded, the holes came opposite one another, and the riveters had nothing to do but drive the binding bolts home. So, love united the brothers of old, and so love unites men still.—The Sunday School Chronicle.

### SAVED AND SANCTIFIED WHILE IN PRISON

WILLIAMSTON, N. C.—I am praising the dear Lord this afternoon for being saved, sanctified and having victory over sin and the devil.

I was a moonshiner all my life until about the 14th of December, 1925. I was in the woods making up whiskey when the officers made a raid. I tried to make my get away, but could not, so then I had to face trial the 20th of April, 1926 and they gave me four months in jail. I took my Bible with me and began to read some and soon began to pray. Praise the Lord. He soon saved me and then sanctified me and now I can shout the victory in the face of the devil and all his tools. I have over two months already gone and am in hopes I won't have to stay all my time, but if I do I can pray and shout just the same.

I want all who read this to pray for me to get out of jail before the camp meeting at Washington. I want all to pray that I will ever press on and receive the Holy Ghost.

I think about the afternoon that Brother Ed Show came to this lonesome prison and knelt down to pray for me and the dear Lord wonderfully saved me. No one knows how it grieves me to think how long I served the devil without any pleasure or pay. Only going down to hell to burn forever. How glad I am that I ever accepted Jesus. I do not see many Church of God people or get to go to service, but the Lord is with me just the

## Personal Message

### OPEN LETTER

To the Saints scattered abroad:

We have been asked the important question from time to time as to whether or not there was any possibility of God's true and honest hearted children reuniting and going forward in Christian love and fellowship and carry on the great work to which the Lord has called us to do.

On account of the general impression that seems to have gained considerable circulation, especially among those who are deeply concerned in the welfare of the Church and its future prosperity, that certain individuals aspiring to official positions in the Church were the principle cause of the dissention which resulted in more than one separation, these individuals apparently becoming factional leaders. While I do not agree that this is the real situation, but in view of these impressions I feel it my duty to make known to my friends both old and new what my feelings really are with reference to the present situation.

I believe that the great majority of all those who were members together of the Church of God are honest, conscientious, upright Christian men and women, and that all such have been seriously grieved at the dissentions that have torn us asunder and at the resulting injury to the usefulness of the ministers and members of the Church of God.

While the strain or force of circumstances have doubtless forced some into doing and saying things that under ordinary circumstances they possibly would not have done. Granting that such may be the case we are of the firm belief that those who have conscientiously stood for honesty, justice and fair play, with their only motive to procure the just rights of the local churches and their ministers should be allowed their privilege without being criticized or condemned for so doing.

Now, on the surface it appears that the Church litigation cannot be finished for some time yet. The opposing litigants have the advantage of us at this same.

I would not turn back for the world and want all who read this to pray for me to get the Holy Ghost and ever serve God. I need all your prayers, for it is a time we all need to pray more. —Walter Jackson.

time by reason of the opinion of the court of appeals, but our attorneys feel confident that we will win in the supreme court, but any victory in any court is only an earthly or material victory and as a matter of fact has to do with the material things of earth. I am confident that all concerned will agree that the victory that we want and is most necessary to the future prosperity of the Church is a SPIRITUAL or HEAVENLY VICTORY, a victory for the holy religion held dear to the hearts of one and all. Such victories are not achieved by fighting or court litigations as the weapons of our warfare should not be carnal but SPIRITUAL.

Therefore, I am addressing this open letter to all the saints at home and abroad in order to make known to them that personally I refuse and repudiate such a position as a factional leader and to further express my honest and sincere desire for the Christian love and fellowship of all the true saints of God everywhere and in the earnest hope that God's people can stand reunited and powerful in the service of the Church.

Two principle things seem to stand in the way of such a glorious result (while there may be other minor things clustering around these two principle ones.) (1) The constitution. (2) The personal leadership of some of the men connected with the Church officially. I am of the opinion that these stumbling blocks can be removed by special agreement.

We, and those associated with us have never believed that the constitution changed in any manner our faith and practices, but it seems that many of the other parties think so. We have adhered to the constitution because it was passed by the Assembly, and that with the understanding that we were not passing any laws or creeds that were binding us, but only that which we had been practicing for years; yet at the same time we have never been sticklers on the constitution and do not feel that we have practiced it or followed it according to the technical or legal interpretation heretofore placed upon it. It is agreed and admitted by those who now hold diversity of opinion on it that no one concerned had any intention of departing from the original faith or government of the Church by its adoption. Now, if by its wording it appears that such is the

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### ALL ONE IN CHRIST

Jesus Christ is the great unifier, and we learn to love one another as we learn to love Him. I have heard of an old and white-haired man who was standing fascinated in a picture-gallery before a picture of Christ. After gazing at it for a few moments he murmured as to himself, with face all aglow, "Bless Him, I love Him!" A stranger standing near overheard him, and said, "Brother, I love him too," and clasped his hand. A third caught the sentence, and said, "I love Him too," and soon there was in front of that picture a little company of people with hand clasped to hand, utter strangers to one another, but made one by their common love in Jesus Christ. A common love to Christ will issue in the clasped hand between man and man and nation and nation.—From "The Glorious Company of the Apostles," by the Rev. T. D. Jones.

### I WONDER WHO

I wonder who is seeking office. Is it you?

Since so much has been said of seeking office, it is time to see who is. There is a way to get all of the Church of God together again and this is it. Brother Tomlinson you, and all your officers get together and agree to go out of office for five years and hold no office in the Church, but preach and do all you can for the church. Brother Lee, you and the elders do the same and all call a council and let people elect a new set of men and all work in co-operation and stop this wrangle. I note Brother Llewellyn has said he would if Brother Tomlinson would, now let's all say it and stop this wrangle and each side stop our selfwill manifestations and stop the woman in the Assemblies just like the Bible says and stop going by messages and interpretations and go by the Word of God and measure ourselves with the Word of God and quit comparing ourselves with ourself and among ourselves. By doing this the Lord will destroy the guilty man for it will all be in His hands and not man's. Now who will say amen to this and who will shake his head and go on after that money and not souls? The intention of this note is to be printed in both papers. Brother Llewellyn, put this in the Evangel and hand a copy to Avery D. Evans and print it two or three times so all can see

### DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY

By Robert Hill.

For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many sleep. 1 Cor. 11-30. Not discerning the Lord's body—latter clause of verse 29. It seems that this important subject has almost been forgotten and so I feel that the Lord has impressed me to place it before our people, in a special way. First because of personal differences that are creeping in between our people we must notice that there is a cause for many of the weak, sickly and sleepy Church of God folks and for this cause I set a remedy and this remedy after once fully understood and applied will remove this cause and forever act as a preventative as it has been wisely said an ounce of preventative is worth a pound of cure.

Wherefore, whosoever shall eat this bread and drink this cup of the Lord unworthily shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord, but let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup for he that eateth and drinketh unworthily eateth and drinketh damnation to himself. Not discerning the Lord's body. 1 Cor. 11 15-19.

Not discerning the Lord's body. Now discern means to "see", not seeing the Lord's body (Spiritually) while in the act of eating and drinking. Now let's magnify the word "worthily" and find the material difference in the word "worthy" and "worthily". Now worthy means "virtuous" from a Bible standpoint and worthily means that and more in this special qualification. Now we can be virtuous pure and holy at heart with clean hands and clean heart so far as experimental sanctification is concerned and yet be a personal difference between us and some one of the brethren. Paul, in writing to the Corinthians said, For whereas there is among you envying and strife and divisions, are ye not carnal (natural) and walk as men or (after the manner of men, foot-mates). Now these folks are sanctified. See Chron. 1: 1, also 3-9 for we are laborers together with God, meaning himself, Apollos and other ministers. Ye are God's husbandry (tillage) meaning God is still working in us. Ye are (Continued on page 4)

it. The printing of this article means you are willing to do as the above states. Yours for God and His church.—J. H. Brooks. Route 6, Liberty, Mississippi.

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The Kaiser of Germany of course thought that everything in the way of literature scattered that did not endorse his autocratic rule and tend to retain him on the throne was as a matter of fact POISON. No doubt but what it was poison to him, but pleasant and profitable to those who were looking forward to the future prosperity of the nation. I fear we have some vest pocket editions of the Kaiser in so-called religious circles.

The man that will place his own personal ambitions in the way of a good cause is no friend to that cause.

Since the circulation of the tract which is also reproduced in this issue, PERSONAL MESSAGE, it has been told that we were seeking membership elsewhere. We are pleased to advise the busy informants that it does not contain anything of the kind and that there is nothing of that nature in the minds of our people, but we do believe in the true spirit of unity among the honest, conscientious people of God everywhere, and that the prospects bid fair for a great forward move along this line, but some who love themselves, love positions and his own selfish ambitions are not much in favor of a movement of this kind.

Our readers will note with interest the article written by Brother Brooks of Liberty, Mississippi who did not know at the time that the PERSONAL MESSAGE was in circulation. If every true, honest hearted saint of God will earnestly and fervently pray God will remove every cause and make His people one in answer to the prayer of Jesus and the purpose for which He died.

The article under the title, PERSONAL MESSAGE was prepared too late for last week's paper, but was printed in tract form and circulated in a very limited way and met with great favor and some disfavor among others. Therefore, I am taking the liberty to send it forth thru the columns of the Evangel in order to make known to both friend and foe just what my individual attitude is with reference to the recent disruption in the Church.

F. J. Lee, General Overseer has been in the state of Michigan for several days engaged in convention work. A brief message indicates a very interesting time. He is expected to return to his office within a few days.

When the enemy undertakes to use the same ammunition the second time there is conclusive proof that they are about out.

Are you planning to attend the great Annual Assembly of the Churches of God which is to convene in this city October 18-24 inclusive?

Remember that the Passenger Associations have very kindly granted our people reduced rates for this great occasion. Be sure and call for a certificate when you purchase your ticket which will entitle you to this special reduced fare on your return.

It has been said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for Llewellyn to get back in the Church of you know what.

## PERSONAL MESSAGE

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case and that the legal effect is beyond what our intents and purposes were at the time of its adoption then if it appears that this is true we of course would all very heartily agree to its repeal or to such revision or amendment as would conform to the original government of the Church. To say the least of it we do not object to its repeal by the General Assembly.

I believe that the fortunes and ambitions of any man are not of any importance when those fortunes and ambitions stand in the way of carrying on the great work of the Almighty God. I realize that there are some of the members who have stood with the opposite faction who would never be willing or would never feel right to belong to a Church with our present officials in authority. If this be true, for us to insist upon holding office in the Church would be to put our selfish interests in the way of the progress of the Church and this holy religion and most assuredly we would not do that. It is equally true that there are many who are standing with us who would never feel right or pleasant with any of the present officials of the opposite faction. In view of this fact they surely would not want to put their personal interests above the welfare of a united Church and a great people and the carrying on of the Divine purposes.

Therefore, I make this personal suggestion: Let all general officials of all so-called factions lay their resignation on the table and become privates in the great army of the Lord, and let it be so understood and agreed that neither shall be eligible for election for any official position in the general organization, but let each of them render every assistance to what ever man or men that God leads us to select as the general officials of the Church, neither seeking or taking any benefits or glory to ourselves for a ny work that we may do.

Let a united Assembly be called at some future and convenient date. Let each local Church in conference assembled express their preference as to the general officials. Let them send in to a committee properly selected and agreed on their preference accompanied by a statement of their total membership in good standing. Let it be so recorded as that many votes for the officials that they prefer, with the distinct understanding that the minority will submit to the majority, thus giving each and every member throughout the Church a rightful privilege to express themselves and thus participate in the government of the Church, also the happy privilege of obeying the Scriptural injunction, that we should submit ourselves one to the other, in the fear of God.

Then let the saints assemble in a great reunited Assembly

# NOTICES

Sunday, September 26th will be Home Coming Day for the Church of God at St. Luke and Pine Ridge, Maryland. There will be an all day service held at the St. Luke church. Every member please be present if possible as we expect our State Overseer with us and a great day in the Lord. Please bring your lunch. If you can not possibly be there please send a card to Brother William Carey, Clerk, Salisbury, Maryland, or Brother A. Thompson, Route 1, Fruitland Maryland stating your spiritual condition as we want to make out a new membership book. Hoping to see all members present, I remain your loving pastor, A. Thompson.

There will be baptizing, feet washing and the Lord's Supper and a real good day in the Lord's service with dinner on the ground the third Sunday in this month at the Church of God at Newtown, Georgia. Everybody invited and a special invitation given to the "tramps and bums". Remember dear friend, every poor man is not a scamp. There are many honest hearts beating beneath the ragged coat of a tramp.—Mrs. Mary E. Sampler, Roswell, Georgia.

## TO THE CHURCHES OF

### WEST VIRGINIA

The time for the Assembly is drawing near and we trust that many are expecting to attend as we are looking for you to be there.

Many of you enjoyed the state convention which you made a great success, but this was only a foretaste of what we expect the General Assembly to be, but in making your preparation to attend don't forget those that have been serving you and especially our worthy state over-

and there let the committee announce the selection of the officials by the preferences as expressed by each and every local Church or faction. Let the constitution be repealed and one and all proclaim the reaffirming of our unconditional acceptance of the New Testament for government and discipline and such other business as may properly come before the said Assembly, in harmony with the original practices.

Or if it may be preferable by those concerned to all join in the call of a united Assembly and let that Assembly in conference assembled duly and regularly elect their officials with the understanding that all others will cheerfully and humbly submit to the officials that it may select. It is to be especially understood however, that by the a-

NOTE.—The clause making all former officials ineligible to be voted for was made as a matter of extreme liberality toward others from the fact that it is conceded that we are greatly in the majority, however, if it is thought by other factions that it might work an injustice to any one then after the resignations have been laid on the table make it free for all.

NOTE.—The above message is not only intended to apply to the recent disruption in the church, but to any and all other factional differences that have occurred in the past.

Trusting this message may be read and prayerfully considered by all parties concerned in the same good spirit that it is written.

## AN UNPOPULAR SERMON

(Continued from page 1) and a second child could make a greater jump, before the child could make the greater jump, he would first have to jump as high as the first child. Likewise I believe that before one can do a greater work than Jesus did that he would first have to be able to do the works that Jesus did.

In my third reference we will go to John 2:4 where the Word says, "He that saith I know him and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."

seer, as we want him to be there without being financially embarrassed. If you can not go send him, if you do go, take him. —W. W. Harmon, Logan, W. Va.

To all the pastors and churches in Texas:

The first Monday night in October should be your business night to elect clerks, and treasurers for the next year. Please do not neglect this as it is very necessary that we have them elected and send their name and address to headquarters immediately as I want their name and addresses in the next minutes. Now if it isn't convenient for you to have conference on the first Monday night have it a few days before or as soon as you can after.

I would be glad to have the name and address of all the new clerks and treasurers so if I should not come back to Texas I could give my successor some information that would help him.

I truly thank every one of you for the good way in which you have co-operated with me and stood by me. I am sure that the Lord will bless you. We will close by asking that when you have your conference please pray for us that we may be lead of the Lord. Do not elect any one that isn't loyal to the church and its teachings. If they don't pay their tithes don't elect them. —R. P. Johnson.

We are going to have our last quarterly conference the first Wednesday night in October and we want to hear from every member not living close enough to attend services regular as to your spiritual condition etc. Write to Brother Giles Chessier, Treasurer.—W. A. Sullivan, Pastor, Williston, Fla.

agreement made that no former official shall be eligible to be voted for, it is not to be construed that it is any reflection as to his worth and standing as a minister in the Church of God.

Finally let that reunited Assembly of the Church of God be made the greatest love feast with which we have ever been blest and let us all pledge ourselves to bury the weaknesses of each other in silence and proclaim their virtues upon the housetop and bury all grievances and forget all resentments, receive each other in full fellowship in truth and in fact and place our trust in the Healer Divine to heal every wound and remove the battle scars and thus cause the noble principles that we all love to finally triumph.

J. S. LLEWELLYN.

Also James 2:10 says, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

Next I will quote some of the commandments as laid down in the New Testament. James 5:13-14 tells us if we are afflicted to pray and if we are sick to call for the elders of the church. And Jeremiah 17:5 says, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm."

Another commandment is not to swear or take any oath, found in James 5:12. Also see Mt. 5:34-37.

A fourth commandment

which passes unobserved is found in 1 Cor. 14:39 where we are commanded to, "Forbid not to speak with tongues."

Also in Galatians 1:8, Paul says, "Though we, or an angel from Heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached, let him be accursed."

Now there are some other references in the New Testament which points to the believer, but I think I can certainly say that there are none which will contradict the above mentioned passages.

Since I have briefly discussed what might be termed a Bible believer, I will take up the subject of the Church.

Are all of the church creeds of to-day right? Certainly not or they would agree and their teaching would harmonize, also they would have to teach the full Gospel. St. Matthew 23:20, says, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (The Apostles.)

The Catholic Church says, "It is right because Jesus said to Peter, 'Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,' and that Peter founded the first Catholic Church at Rome."

The Baptist Church from which so many branches have derived was brought together or organized under the influence and teaching of Roger Williams about sixteen hundred years after Jesus was crucified.

Likewise the Methodist Church was organized under the leadership of the Wesleys.

The Commonly called Christian Church, (nicknamed Campbellites) was brought into recognition under the leadership of Alexandria Campbell about eight hundred years after Jesus went away.

Practically all other creeds have had their organization in a similar way.

The real church, though it may have been revived or organized in recent years, should maintain and possess the gifts as found in the Bible in 1 Cor. 12:28 which says, "And God has set some in the Church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, governments and diversity of tongues."

Which of the many creeds of to-day will tolerate their mem-

bers who advocate or practice miracles, depending solely upon God for their health or speaking in tongues.

Now in conclusion I do not believe that our forefathers who received not this light were all lost for God is merciful. He says I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy. But it seems reasonable that those among our forefathers who were saved were no doubt the kind of people who would have believed on the light had it been shining as it is today.

Dear reader, let me persuade you to believe in the signs and gifts as being manifested by God's mighty power in these last days. Just lay aside all your sins and ask God with an earnest heart to lead you aright, regardless of past profession, relationship, creeds and theories and see that you endeavor with your whole heart to keep His commandments and believe His Word and He will make you to understand holiness.

May God bless and open up the eyes of every one that they may live righteous lives and understand DOCTRINE.

## STAND FAST

J. S. Douglas.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1. Paul was writing to the Galatian brethren to maintain their Christian liberty and to keep them free from formality and bondage.

Paul said, Ye did run well, who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? Gal. 5:7. Stand fast.

God does not want His children to be tossed about with every wind of doctrine but He wants us to be established in the faith.

If we get to the place we can't go any farther just stand still and wait upon the Lord. When Israel came to the Red Sea they had to stop and some wanted to go back, but this was the time to stand. God doesn't want us to go back just because we have to stop, but some of Israel wanted to go back. Say brother, we must not forget to stop and counsel the Lord about our proceedings. We remember Israel left Egypt with high hand, no doubt if they had continued this all the way to Caanan God (Continued on Page 4.)

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# REPORTS

## NORTH DAKOTA STATE CONVENTION A SUCCESS

REE, N. Dak.—As it has been some time since I wrote to the Evangel, feel impressed to write this evening and sound a note of praise for the way that the Lord has been blessing us in the states of Montana and North Dakota.

After the last Assembly we started here for another year with renewed courage and surely the Lord has been blessing us. While we have had some few hard blows this year it was only the means of making us more determined than ever before. We have set one new church in order at Plaza and Sister Josephine Walker from Florida is pastoring it at present and is doing a good work. Brother Elmer M. Walker is working on a new field and prospects there are good.

Brother J. M. Martin from Georgia is pastoring the Red Butte church and surely the Lord is blessing there. They have been able to build a new church building there and at the opening of the state assembly July 11th it was dedicated and the Lord blessed us in a great measure.

The Assembly was wonderful, the power fell in every service and it was remarked by some that it reminded them of the General Assembly at Cleveland. The Assembly was well represented and we had good crowds out to every service. An offering for the orphans was taken and \$14.00 was raised for them.

The saints here are greatly encouraged and are persuaded that they have the best thing this side of heaven.

We also held a tent meeting in Montana and the Lord blest. Some were saved and sanctified and baptized in water and came into the great Church of God, the pillar and ground of the truth. We left them shouting the victory. They need a pastor there. If any one feels call to go there, let me hear from you at once as this is a needy field and we need workers here.—Paul H. Walker.

## A GREAT REVIVAL, NINETEEN FILLED WITH HOLY GHOST

E. CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—We have just closed a great revival in East Chattanooga. Nine teen were filled with the Holy Ghost, about thirty saved and a good number sanctified. Sixteen were baptized in water and several came into the Church.

The meeting was a great success, not only did many get saved, but the Church was greatly built up. The saints were encouraged and many felt their need of living closer to God and doing more for Him. Great crowds attended and much interest was shown. The last night of the meeting many said was the best; the altar being filled and part of the front seats being used for an altar. The crowd seemed to stay until the last and many begged for the meeting to continue, but on account of having another announced for the following Tuesday night we had to close.

The meeting was conducted by Harry Whittington, assisted by the Pastor, Zeno C. Tharp. Dr. Bowles of New York City was with us two nights and Brother Loooney was with us some. Brother Whittington did some

wonderful preaching, many saying it was the best they ever heard. He has his whole heart in the work and only takes time between meetings to move the tent, which is being furnished him free of charge by a good Methodist minister in South Carolina. He was called away a few nights to fill his regular appointments at the Church which he is pastoring. Several received the Holy Ghost at his Church at this time and some were saved, so the Lord was working at both places at the same time. He goes from here to Red Bank, a few miles from Chattanooga. Pray for the meeting there.—Zeno C. Tharp.

## THE ALABAMA STATE CAMP MEETING

The Alabama State Camp Meeting has come and gone into history and those that attended can say that the meeting was a success in several ways. The location is ideal, the attendance was large, and the tent overflowing with the exception of when rain came. The messages were inspiring and right to the mark for these last days. Brother Marks did most of the preaching also there was some good soul food given by Brother Ellis and other ministers.

I am sure that the people of Boaz got some points on Bible lines they never had heard. The devil got mad and cut some ropes of the tent. Many came for miles. One family came in a covered wagon sixty-five miles thru rain part of the way, but they enjoyed the meeting. Many prayed thru to salvation and a goodly number received the Holy Ghost.

I am sure if every state would put forth an effort they could have one or more camp meetings every year. Brother Ellis has made a good beginning for Alabama and let us put our shoulders to the wheel and have a better one next year if Jesus tarries. Look out for next year, at Boaz again.—P. F. Fritz.

## GOOD REVIVAL AT COALWOOD

COALWOOD, W. Va.—I want to sound a note of praise thru the Evangel for the wonderful meeting which has just closed here, conducted by Brother E. J. Hanks and waves flowed while Brother Hanks delivered the message. The Word went forth with power. Souls were convicted. Eight were saved, one sanctified, three filled with the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water, for which we give Him praise.

We appreciate Brother Hanks being here. He is a wonderful preacher and we want him to come back again. We ask an interest in your prayers for this place.—Mrs. C. H. Coffey.

## CRUMLEY'S CHAPEL ON FIRE FOR GOD

CRUMLEY'S CHAPEL, Ala.—I want to sound a note of praise for the way the Lord is pouring out His blessings on us at this place. We have just closed a two weeks meeting and the Lord has blest seemingly both saint and sinner. Brother L. B. Hall of Anniston was with us and I am sure the Lord has been pleased with him as well as we. We feel that God's hand is upon Brother Hall, he did most of the preaching and the Word was given out with great power and sinners were made to quake and tremble by the influence of the Word and power of the Holy Ghost.

The house was filled to its capacity nearly every meeting. any have been made to believe in holiness that have been fighting the way. I thank the Lord because we have some people here who are really holding Jesus up by living the life.

We closed the meeting with several still seeking the blessing. There were twelve saved, twelve sanctified and eleven filled with the Holy Ghost. Fifteen were added to the Church and twelve followed the Lord in water baptism. We observed the Lord's Supper and washing the saint's feet. On the night of the feet washing the Lord blest in a wonderful way. There was shouting, dancing and speaking in tongues. I am sure that this was a meeting that will be long remembered by the saints here in Crumley's Chapel.

Pray for me that I may stand true and go all the way, with the Lord.—Clara Gentry, Route 8, Heflin, Ala.

## MY VISIT TO MICHIGAN

### All Are Standing Firm

I have just returned from Michigan where we attended the State Convention of the Churches of God. This convention was a real success. The people were greatly blessed and edified.

The state overseer informs me that the Church in Michigan is not disturbed because of the court affair and especially the recent opinion of the Court of Appeals.

We also visited Detroit and found the work progressing nicely in that great city. Truly the people of Michigan are pure gold.

I heard no complaint against their State Overseer, many expressed their desire for him to return.

### My Return to Cleveland

On returning I found A. J. Tomlinson's Assembly in session. I haven't seen very many visitors from a distance, perhaps they had returned to their homes before I arrived, often it is the case that many leave the Assemblies on the day before the close.

I have received the intelligence that Brother Llewellyn presented a document known as a "Personal Message" to some of their leading officials. This was also brought to the entire Assembly by means of several hundred copies, they were so eager to get it that another edition had to be printed.

I had not seen a copy of this "Personal Message", until I arrived home, but I want to say here that I heartily agree with it. In fact we had suggested to the Executive Council that we were willing to act on a proposition like this.

Since Brother Payne and myself, (the other two members of the Executive Council) are not mentioned in Brother Llewellyn's "Personal Message" we wish to take this means to announce that we heartily concurred with him in this suggestion which later became an instrument for consideration.

F. J. Lee.

T. S. Payne.

## DISCERNING THE LORD'S BODY

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God's building and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ, Himself being the chief corner stone. Eph. 2:20 And yet there were differences among them which was hurtful and so while in coming together for the purpose of observing the Lord's supper, if there is anything between any of us we get our eyes on them because of our difference and misunderstanding and of course would only discern or see them with our eyes closed and not discern or see the Lord's body.

God help us to be humble enough to purge out the old leaven of malice, fix up every misunderstanding, make confession if needs be and ask forgiveness, confess our faults one to another and pray one for another that we might be healed of all our petty diseases. Healed, healed, forever healed. Can you show me a case where Jesus healed that the disease ever returned? Let's ask Him to heal ALL our diseases so that we can discern the Lord's body and not our brother's and forever get rid of all the sickly, weak, sleepy headed, carefree, easy going, selfish, unconcerned, cold, formal, carnal, fault-finding, criticizing, self righteousness, and if we are unworthy, then bump the altar good and hard until the fire falls and I'm sure you will be willing to hold still for a Bible operation and a blood vaccination against all the devil's junk house playthings. Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened, for even Christ our passover is sanctified for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 1 Cor. 5:7-8.

Now to the ministers and pastors. I feel that the observance of the Lord's supper be resurrected from a state of indifference and neglect and failure to discharge our duty as pastor to the churches, and our honor in commemoration to our once crucified but risen brother, the Lord Jesus Christ and kept, preached and taught and made a practical subject and I'm sure all concerned will be more happy for He said, If ye know those things, happy are ye if ye do them. It seems as though some preachers think the Lord's supper is only to be observed at the end of a revival, but I am at a loss to know where they get their authority for it. Maybe it can be found in the book of "Notions" and practiced by the aid of feelings. God help us to give the widows a chance to qualify themselves by washing the saints' feet. How can they do this unless we give them an opportunity by setting forth the Lord's supper?

The grace of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

## REQUESTS

I want every saint of God to pray for my baby. He has something wrong with his legs. Cannot walk.—Mary Allen.

I want every saint to pray that God will restore my little boy's health and mind back to him.—L. P. Mons, Clerk.

Harvey Kinglesmith, Big Clifty, Kentucky desires prayer that he may be healed of T. B.

I request special prayer for my mother in law who is suffering with rheumatism.—Lizzie Alexander, Lupton City, Tenn.

## Testimonies

### LOVE OUR ENEMIES

KERMIT, W. Va. I thank and praise God this morning for the privilege of testifying through the dear Evangel this morning. It means so much to me. I get so much out of reading the testimonies of the dear children of God, tho I have never met them.

I thank and praise His dear name for saving my soul from sin and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost also for placing a perfect love in my heart for any who persecute me and speak evil of me. I also thank Him for His wonderful healing power. He has healed my body different times, and also healed my baby when she was very low with measles. I ask all who read this to pray for me that I may live in the center of the Lord's will.—Edith Starr.

### PAYS TO LIVE HUMBLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—I want to send in a few words of testimony. I am glad to say that I am still saved and sanctified and still have the Holy Ghost and belong to the Church of God, the only Bible church which is my Lord's body. I am expecting the Church of God to have something to go thru with between now and 1929. I had a dream on the 10th night of August 1923 that we would have a famine in the year of 1929. The Lord has warned me of lots of things so I am expecting something to happen. It will pay all of us to get up the ladder a little higher and stick closer to the Lord and His church, so I ask all to pray for me and my family and let us all pray for one another.—From your brother, H. G. Smith.

### OLD THINGS BECOME NEW

BAYSIDE, Cal.—I praise the Lord for ever lifting me up out

of sin and planting my feet on the solid rock which the gates of hell cannot prevail against. By the grace of God I am going all the way with Him. I am fully given up to God to be used for His glory, and the way gets sweeter every day. I can never praise God enough for His blessings unto me, and ask each and every one of you to pray for me that I may ever be humble at His feet. I am not ashamed to proclaim to the world that I love Him. He heals me when I am sick and took the desire of tobacco away from me, and the things I used to love I now hate and the things I used to hate I now love.—F. L. Hoover.

### FOR LIFE IS SHORT

Let's smile and be kind—life is so short,  
And so much of the way is rough;  
The times are so hard, the road up-grade,  
And there's always trouble enough;  
Yesterday's hurts let us try to forget—  
And tomorrow's cares can await—  
Today with diligence let us keep  
Our hearts from the stain of hate,  
Life is too short for spite and revenge—  
For paying back, wrong with wrong.  
Try patience love and forgiveness.  
Meet slights with a smile and a song;  
This sad world with all its repining,  
Its bitterness, sorrows and tears,  
Needs the wealth of our loving kindness  
To sweeten the sin-stained years.  
Yes, life is too short to be hateful,  
Or for wounding the hearts that we meet;  
Let's try to be pleasant and gentle,  
To always be cheerful and sweet;  
For the sunshine of love is so needed  
To warm this old world with its light,  
And to shed abroad its effulgence  
To brighten humanity's night.  
—Dorothy M. Roney in Western Recorder.

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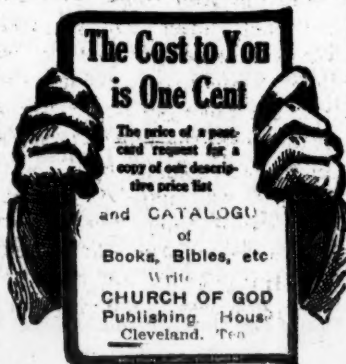
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## DIVINE HEALING

### WONDERFULLY HEALED

WINTER GARDEN, Fla.—I want to praise God for full and free salvation. I want to sound a note of praise this evening for what He is to me. I am sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Bless His name. I was very sick and asked the saints to pray for me and Brother John Barnett and others laid hands on me and I was wonderfully healed.

Pray for me that I will be in this present world what the Lord will have me to be.—Viola Bennett.

### GROWTH REMOVED

MOOREVILLE, Miss.—Well, I praise God this beautiful Sabbath morning for salvation that saves from sin. It will keep us each day in the year if we will walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh, but if we walk after the flesh we shall die, for Paul says the wages of sin is death. See Rom. 6:23.

The reason some people can't get healed when they get sick is they have sin in their life and they will not repent and confess out to God. I thank God for His healing power. I have been trusting Him for the healing of my body twenty-seven years. I had a growth on my neck about the size of a marble. I decided the Lord could take it off as well as he could heal my sickness, so I began asking Him to do so and I kept on for a long time and no results came. The other day I found in the Bible where somebody had a growth on their body and were healed, I did this and praise the Lord it is

gone.—J. B. Lucas.

### HEALED OF CATARRH

FT. MYERS, Fla.—With a heart full of gratitude and thanks I want to praise God for healing me of a severe cold in my head and catarrh.

Last February I contracted a cold which lasted several weeks thru which I lost my sense of smell and taste and it very much impaired my hearing. I promised the Lord if He would heal me of that cold and the catarrh of more than three years I would testify. I was prayed for in one of the healing services at Wimauma last June and was healed. Praise the Lord. I am so glad I found Jesus so precious to me.

Please pray for my unsaved children and that I will always be obedient to the Lord.—Mrs. L. M. Sherouse.

### COMPLETELY HEALED

GRANITEVILLE, Mo. I really want to thank and praise God this morning for His wonderful way of answering prayer and for His great healing power. I want to say that Jesus is a great healer. He promised that he would never leave nor forsake us.

I had two attacks of diarrhea this summer. The second one I got so bad I couldn't eat anything but cream of wheat. Mother sent a handkerchief to Brother Rouse to be anointed and God wonderfully healed before the handkerchief returned, and I can eat anything I want to. Please pray for me.—Leslie Orrick.

## ASSEMBLY

The Tomlinson Assembly has been in session in this city for some days. The attendance was approximately half or less than what was expected by them. They have spent considerable time and ammunition firing at those that they think do not agree with their every move. The writer is very reliably informed that many of their good, honest, conscientious men and women were very much grieved over the awful spirit shown to others. Many became displeased, disgusted and left the city long before the Assembly closed. There seemed to be an increasing unrest among a great number of them. The writer sent a personal message addressed to the saints scattered abroad and of course it naturally would fall into some hands to whom it was not addressed. The question of unity became the topic of the day and some apparently became very much alarmed and after wholesale criticism was offered and many things said of a slanderous nature the unrest seemed to grow worse instead of better. The problem finally culminated in them calling their chief attorney from Chattanooga to make a talk to their Assembly in order to quiet the unrest. The writer is informed that he gave them many words of advice along with an explanation satisfactory to himself and them. I am informed that he said that he took enough hide off of Llewellyn on the witness stand to make a walk from there to the depot (which is about one fourth of a mile) and yet Llewellyn is still on exhibition with no less hide, but I guess this is about as true as anything else he said. Well, I suppose this is no worse than he said and did against Tomlinson when he was pleading for J. L. Scott and against Tomlinson. So after all he is just doing what he is hired to do, therefore is not as much to blame as the one who hires him to do it. The Lord will vindicate His own in due time.

His advice is not thought to be in harmony with the opinion of the court of appeals, therefore is of no effect. Now, these matters are not settled by the paid, private opinion of any individual. I suppose about the next thing they will undertake will be to send a message to the five supreme judges of the State of Tennessee and have them come and explain as the matter will be entirely up to them for final adjudication.

Well, after all that has been done and said there has been a number of good, honest hearted execution, while he prayed. Keep on the mountain top of God's eternal chain of promise swinging out on the strong arm of omnipotence and span the gap with a smile of assurance, all hell cannot transmute into a frown and victory is ours NOW.

These things must needs be. God is shaking our confidence in Him so that which cannot be shaken SHALL remain. Settle down in the arms of Jesus. Get so hid in His breast of tenderest love you can say with Paul. "None of these things move me neither count I my life dear unto myself, that I may finish my course with joy."

Is martyr blood flowing in thy veins?—Thank God! Thank God.—One of them.

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sincere, Christian men and women in our city and who fail to find the true spirit of Christianity in such unwarranted criticisms, slanders etc., as all honest men and women know that the Spirit of Jesus would not prompt a shout when another threatens to peel somebody's head with his walking stick, so let every saint throughout the land earnestly pray that God will vindicate the right and the wrong shall continue to be manifest in order that pure, honest hearted men and women may be able to steer clear and finally make their way to the city of gold.

## STAND FAST

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would not have been counselled, but they would have said, "Look what we have done." What do we need? Surely it is steadfastness, patience and prayer. Stand fast. We remember Moses when he stopped at the Red Sea, he went to the mountain to talk to God about the block that was in the way. Say Brother, man may fail, but God never has failed. Moses doubtless didn't talk very much with his followers, but he went to God in prayer. I feel like this is a time to pray and talk less. While Moses was talking to God some were talking about going back to Egypt. Some seem to be of that nature today, if they can't jump clear over the block they want to go back. God didn't want Israel to jump over the sea, but just stand till He moved it out of the way.

This reminds me of a balking horse, that gets stalled with a load. He jumps against the load, if he can't move it he will back up clear over the singletree and twist around, get out from under the harness and turn his head back toward the load, just prancing around, trying to get out, while if the horse would stand still, the load could be prized up just a little, and he could have pulled it out. Nobody wants a balky team. Neither does God want a people of that nature, but He wants a people that will get down together and pull, but when we do have to stop, stand still. Twisting about doesn't get us anywhere.

The command came from God by Moses, stand still and see the salvation (deliverance) of the Lord.

This is the main place for us to look for deliverance. God is the only one that can bring things to pass. The Lord also shall roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem and the heavens and earth shall shake, but the Lord will be the hope of His people and the strength of Israel. Joel 3:16. So just stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free.

We know what God has done for us when we wasn't able of ourselves to save ourselves, but we sought the Lord and He did that which no man could do in our souls. How much more easier can He move these little temporal things?

The thought is "Stand in liberty." Other words, keep the victory in your souls that you got when Christ made you free. When we lose this liberty we then begin to get entangled with the yoke of bondage and begin to say, "Well, I guess we might as well to quit." Say Brother, wait until God says go forward. God allows things to stop us to let us know that He is our deliverer and not man. Doubtless they thought Moses

## OBITUARIES

### RASMUSSEN

On April 19, 1926 the death angel claimed for its victim Harold Rasmussen an evangelist in the Church of God. He died in North Dakota and leaves to mourn his loss, a wife and four children and a host of friends, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope for we feel sure that if we live for Jesus we will have the privilege of meeting him over yonder.—Karl Schuly, Route 11, Hartwell, Georgia.

### HAMMON

On Wednesday June 9th the death angel visited the home of Sister and Brother E. L. Hammon of Tangerine, Fla. and took their little son, Ellwood, age seven years and nine months. Everything was done that loving hands could do. Prayer was offered many times, but to no avail. We weep not as those that have no hope for we expect to meet him over yonder on the other shore where there will be no parting.

It is hard to give him up  
But God's will must be done.  
He has gone to be with Jesus  
His crown he now has won.

The funeral was conducted by Brother J. A. Farmer of Orlando, Florida and his body was laid to rest in the Apopka cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Zelia Seever, Tangerine, Florida.

### YOUNG

On July 4, 1926 the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling baby, Eli Vaughtman, age fifteen months and nineteen days. He leaves to mourn his death, a father, mother and two brothers also a host of relatives and friends. Was laid to rest in the Webber cemetery to await the resurrection morning. Please pray that in heaven the family circle will be unbroken.

Little Darling, you have left us,  
Oh how it grieves our hearts;  
But we long to meet you yonder  
Where we never more shall part.  
—Mary Lou Young.

### TALBERT

On June 10, 1926 the death angel visited the home of Andrew and Nannie Talbert and claimed for its victim our darling baby boy, Otis, age 22 months. He suffered most of his life, but bore his suffering with patience, would often laugh to keep from crying. He never walked or talked, but was loved by every one.

Everything was done that loving hands could do, but God saw best to take Him home. Our loss is heaven's gain. He was surely a bud on earth to bloom in heaven. He leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother, two little sisters.

was able to clear up the way, they had seen Moses do many things, but the time came for God to reveal all that their deliverance must come from Him. So I feel that some things are out of our power and it is left to the mercies of God. In order for us to stand in liberty, is to obey God and let not a naughty spirit get hold of us and not to feel our importance so great. Get down on our faces as never before and then say the Lord's hand has gotten Him the victory.

The Lord will not cast off His people. Psalms 94:14. Amen.

ters and many relatives also a host of friends.

The funeral was conducted by Brother Hus McCombs and his little body laid in the Arkadelphia cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Written by one who cared for him through sickness, his loving grandmother, Mary Crow, Arkadelphia, Ala.

### BLACKWELL

On August 5, 1926 the death angel came into our home and claimed our darling baby girl, but we feel that our loss is heaven's gain. She was thirteen months and six days old. Was a sweet baby, was loved by all who knew her. She was too good to stay here in this old sinful place and Jesus took her unto Himself. She leaves to mourn her loss, father, mother, two sisters, grand parents, aunts and uncles and a host of friends.

She was laid to rest in the Bias cemetery to await the coming of Jesus. We are expecting to meet her in the skies.—Her mother, Mrs. Dorothy Blackwell, Logan, W. Va.

### BRISCO

The death angel visited the home of Mr. J. A. Hawkins of Omaha, Arkansas and called his dear uncle, Elisha A. Brisco home to be with Jesus. He was born August 27, 1855 and died on July 24, 1926. He was seventy years old when he died. All was done for him that loving hands could do, but some way we know not why, our dear Lord saw fit to take him home to be with Him where all sufferings and pain are over. We know he was a humble child of God, and was a true soldier for the Lord until his death. He called for the saints to pray for him that God would relieve his suffering. He said to not pray for his healing, he only wanted the Lord to have His way. As to his healing and suffering, the Lord relieved his suffering but took him home to rest a few days later. The physician said his sickness was catarrh and asthma. He was a loving father. He believed in the Church of God, but had no chance of hearing Church of God doctrine preached very much. He leaves to mourn his death, one son, one brother, two or three sisters and a host of relatives and friends, but we weep not as we who have no hope for we can meet him some sweet day where partings come no more if we live as true to Jesus as did he.

One dear brother has gone and left us  
To that bright and happy shore;  
But we'll meet again together  
Where we'll never part no more.  
Our dear brother, we will miss him  
As we travel in this life  
And our eyes with tears will dim;  
But his eyes are full of light.  
We will miss him, yes we'll miss him;  
But God's hand was in it all,  
So we'll sweetly follow Jesus  
Till our name He sweetly calls.  
He has gone to be with Jesus  
To a better home than this  
He has gained a home in heaven  
And such hard trials he will miss.  
He is done with earth's hard trials  
And no tears will dim his eyes  
So we hope to soon be with him  
Where we'll never have to die.  
How our hearts and eyes are longing  
For that city to behold  
Where we'll see so many loved ones,  
Walking on the streets of gold.  
It's so hard to part with loved ones,  
But so sweet to say "Well done"  
And to know only a few more months,  
Till we'll be with God's dear Son.  
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